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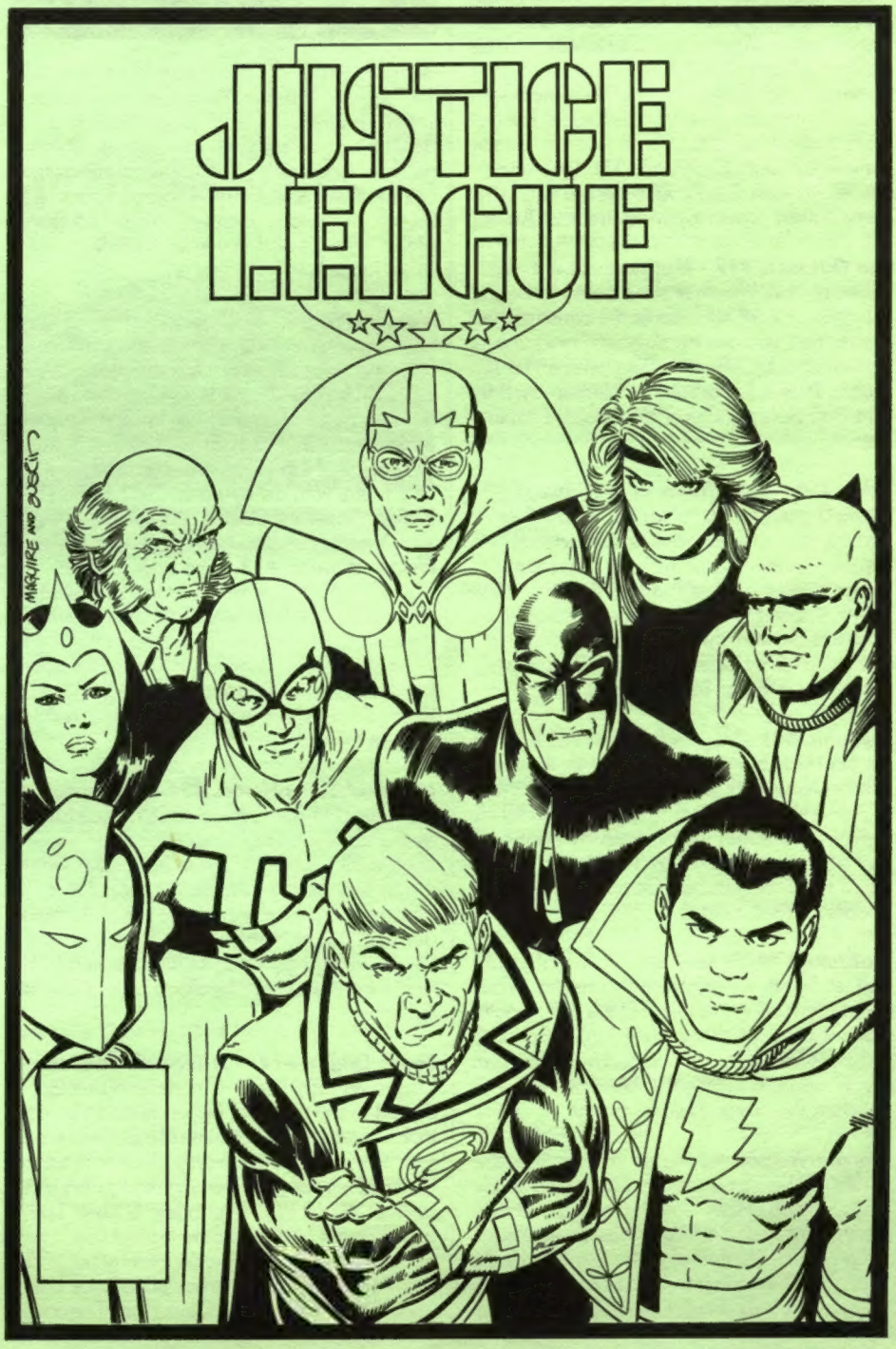
THE TOUGH... THE PROUD... THE ALL-NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE THEY'RE BACK IN ALL THEIR GLORY-- BACK WITH VENGENANCE!



Until now, you only *thought* you knew them ... but the original ***JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA*** has disbanded, and the team that's risen to take its place is *more* than just the best America has to offer—they're the best in the *world!*

There are the ***JLA*** veterans, ***The Batman, Black Canary,*** and ***the Martian Manhunter,*** joined by newcomers ***Captain Marvel, the Green Lantern Corps' Guy Gardner, Dr. Fate, Blue Beetle,*** and ***Mr. Miracle!*** Together, they will be in the middle of some of the most astonishing team action you're likely to have seen since the *original* ***JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA*** began a triumphant career that spanned more than a *quarter of a century!*

The place to find all this is ***JUSTICE LEAGUE #1.***

Plotting this bold new series is Keith Giffen, who brings with him his own unique vision of today's super-heroes and their place in society. Dialogue will be handled by recent ***JLA*** veteran J.M. DeMatteis, whose groundbreaking work on the final handful of the group's adventures (including the "End of the ***JLA" LEGENDS*** crossover series) makes him a natural for this new assignment.

Joining Keith and J.M. as penciller is newcomer Kevin Maguire. That may not be a name you're familiar with now, but after you see what he's got to offer in the ***JUSTICE LEAGUE,*** it's going to be a name you're not likely to forget. Topping off the creative team is inker Terry Austin. Need we say more?

The new ***LEAGUE*** is the best the world has to offer, but that doesn't mean its members are free from problems adjusting to their role within the team. Who will be their leader? Who will join? And can they manage to hold together to fulfill their mission when forces from within and without scheme to destroy them?

The answers will surprise you. They may even shock you ... but to miss it would be to pass up one of the comic book events of the year! So watch out for ***JUSTICE LEAGUE #1,*** and we promise you ... you *won't* be bored!

May Listings

January 13th/February 5th

Firestorm #59—There's no question that the combined nuclear might of Firestorm and guest-star Firehawk can take out the menace of the power-absorbing villain, The Parasite ... but can they do it without killing him? Writer John Ostrander, penciller Joe Brozowski, and inker Dennis Janke provide the answers. The cover is by Brozowski and Dick Giordano.

The Justice League #1—A Legends Spin-off series! They're *not* what you remember ... and they're nothing you are ever likely to forget! They are the *all-new* JUSTICE LEAGUE—The Batman, Martian Manhunter, Captain Marvel, Green Lantern Guy Gardner, The Blue Beetle ... and that's just the start of the heroic roll call that's going to stun the world with its exploits! Written by Keith Giffen and J.M. DeMatteis, with art by penciller Kevin Maguire and inker Terry Austin. Cover by Maguire and Austin.

The Outsiders #19—Her name is Windfall. Remember it. Whether she's going to be the salvation of the Outsiders or the cause of their destruction, you can bet *they* won't soon forget her! Written by Mike W. Barr, with art by Jim Aparo. ***Plus:*** a Halo/Katana backup by Barr and Dan Spiegle. Cover by Aparo. *Deluxe format.*

Tales of the Teen Titans #77—It always seemed that the Titans would be together forever, but now they are embarking on separate careers, and the only thing that seems to spell for the Titans is the end of the team! Written by Marv Wolfman, pencilled by Eduardo Barreto, inked by Romeo Tanghal, with a cover by Brian Bolland. *Originally presented in* ***New Teen Titans #18.***

Vigilante #41—The underworld has a contract out on Vigilante, and every thug and killer in New York is out to cash in on it ... and Vigilante's only hope is to get the man who's ordered him killed first! Written by Paul Kupperberg, pencilled by Tod Smith, and inked by Rich Burchett. Cover by Marshall Rogers. *Deluxe format.*

Watchmen #9 *maxi-series*—Dr. Manhattan had left Earth, vowing never to return. What could there be in the origin of the Silk Spectre that could possibly convince him to come back...? Created and produced by writer Alan Moore and artist Dave Gibbons, who also provides the cover. *Deluxe format.*

Wonder Woman #4—Ares' maniacal desire to destroy the Amazons and humanity leads him to create Decay—a deadly menace who pits its might against Diana! ***Plus,*** Steve Trevor becomes the hunted of both man and god! Written by George Pérez and Len Wein, with pencils by Pérez, inks by Bruce Patterson, and cover by Pérez.

January 20th/February 12th

Batman #407—It's the dramatic conclusion to the four-part ***Batman: Year One*** mini-series-within-a-series! The Batman—a dark and mysterious presence in the Gotham nights, hated and feared by the city's criminals. But will the Dark Knight and Gordon become friends ... or sworn enemies? Written by Frank Miller, with art and cover by David Mazzucchelli.

Blue Beetle #12—Mento and his Hybrid have hit Chicago with a vengeance, and that means only one force can stop them ... The New Teen Titans?! The Blue Beetle is going to need all the help he can get against this latest menace—and *everybody* involved hopes even the assistance of the Titans is enough! Written by Len Wein, with art by Paris Cullins and Dell Barras. Cover by Cullins and Barras.

Electric Warrior #13—The new Electric Warrior thought he was the deadliest warrior there was. Until he meets Syn-Prime, a cyborg dreadnought who promises to end the Warrior's career! Written by Doug Moench, pencilled by Jim Baikie, and inked by Dan Adkins. The cover is by Mitch O'Connell. *Deluxe format.*

Legion of Super-Heroes #34—This special four-part Universo Project saga speeds ahead as the imprisoned Legionnaires struggle against all odds to return to Earth. But what they'll find should they be successful is a deserted Legion headquarters ... and the team disbanded! Part three of four. Story by Paul Levitz, with art by Greg LaRocque and Mike DeCarlo, and a cover by Steve Lightle. *Deluxe format.*

Secret Origins #14—A Legends Spin-off! You've already met the incredible Suicide Squad in the pages of Legends, and you can look forward to the first issue of their own series later this month, but the *only* place to read the true and full story of their beginnings, from the days of World War II to today, is here! The secret origin of the Suicide Squad is a booklength special issue, courtesy of Legends' own John Ostrander, writer, pencils by Luke McDonnell, and inks by Dave Hunt. The cover is by McDonnell and Dick Giordano.

Star Trek #38—From the days of the original Five-Year Mission comes this untold tale of the *Enterprise* and her famous crew! Captain Kirk falls prey to one of the strongest forces in the universe ... love! Unfortunately, that also opens him to the deadly clutches of the Argons! Written by Michael Fleisher, pencilled by Adam Kubert, and inked by Ricardo Villagran. The cover is by Joe Brozowski and Bob Smith.

Superman #5—The Man of Steel has faced some deadly foes in his career, but never anything like the thing that's come to be known as "Host"! Written and pencilled by John Byrne, with inks by Karl Kesel. Cover by Byrne.

Zatanna Special #1—A one-issue special, featuring a 64-page tale of magic! The ghostly image of Zatanna's mother summons the sorceress to the hidden land of all the magicians, the Homo Magi, to aid in a supernatural threat to their world! Written by Gerry Conway, with art and cover by Gray Morrow.

January 27th/February 19th

Adventures of the Outsiders #45—Dr. Jace is the scientific heart of the Outsiders, and when she's threatened by the insidious Duke of Oil, they go all out to come to her assistance. Written by Mike W. Barr, with art by Jim Aparo. ***Plus,*** the Outsiders invite you inside to learn all their secrets, in a special section by Barr and Curt Swan. Cover by Aparo. *Originally presented in* ***The Outsiders #7.***

Booster Gold #16—Booster and friends, back from the future, find out the hard way that they've been gone not days, but *months!* Also featuring the new corporate headquarters of Goldstar, Inc.! All of this and plenty of action, too, written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens, with inks by Bob Lewis. Jurgens also provides the cover.

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Adventures of Superman #428—After single-handedly destroying the war machine of the terrorist nation of Qurac, Superman returns to Metropolis for a well-deserved rest—until a gang of kidnappers grabs Perry White's son! Story by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Jerry Ordway.

Green Lantern Corps #212—Hector Hammond and Star Sapphire—they've called themselves the Triumvirate of Terror ... but *who's* going to become the third member of the evil trio this time? Could it be one of the GLC's *own* members? It's even odds the GL Corps would rather they didn't have to find out! Written by Steve Englehart, pencilled by Joe Staton, and inked by Mark Farmer. Cover by Staton and Bruce Patterson.

Infinity, Inc. #38—Don't take anything you *thought* you knew about the Infinitors for granted! Helix goes on trial for their past crimes ... strange things are happening with the Silver Scarab ... and Mr. Bones *joins* Infinity?! That's only the tip of the iceberg, in a tale by Roy and Dann Thomas, pencilled by guest-artist Martin King, and inked by Tony DeZuniga. The cover is by new regular penciller, Vince Argondezzi, and DeZuniga. *Deluxe format.*

The New Teen Titans #31—The Titans have seldom faced a graver crisis than the threat of Brother Blood and his church of evil. It will take a power as great as his own to defeat him in the incredible conclusion! Written by Marv Wolfman and Paul Levitz, pencilled by Eduardo Barreto, and inked by Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Barreto. *Deluxe format.*

Sandkings (Science Fiction Graphic Novel #7)—Simon Kress wanted something *different* as a pet. Something to be a friend and companion, and an amusement for his legendary parties. Then he found the Sandkings, and that's about when all hell breaks loose...! Adapted from the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning novel by George R.R. Martin by writer Doug Moench, pencilled by Pat Broderick, with full painted color provided by Neal McPheeters.

Shazam!: The New Beginning #2 *mini-series*—The saga of the new Captain Marvel continues! Billy Batson struggles to learn how to deal with the awesome powers bestowed upon him by the wizard Shazam. Captain Marvel had better get in all the practice he can *while* he can, because waiting in the wings is the evil scientific genius Sivana and the Captain's ancient counterpart, Black Adam! Written by Roy and Dann Thomas, with art and cover by Tom Mandrake.

Swamp Thing #60—Swamp Thing continues his cosmic wanderings through the universe and has his most alien experience yet! Special weird art issue! Written by Alan Moore, with art and cover by John Totleben.

Warlord #117—The rules for survival are very different in the inner world of Skartaris, but one thing is true no matter where you are: if you're troubled, the last place you want to find yourself is in DeSaad's deadly citadel! Too bad nobody mentioned that to Tara before she wandered back in there...! Written by Michael Fleisher, with art by Ron Randall. Cover by Mike Grell.

February 3rd/February 26th

Hawkman #10—Beginning a story that continues in ***Action Comics #588!*** Hawkman destroys the Hyathis Corporation and captures Deron Ved! These are victories Hawkman and Hawkwoman have long fought for ... because they could mean the end of the Shadow War! Superman guest-stars! Written by Barbara Randall and Dan Mishkin, pencilled by Richard Howell, and inked by Carlos Garzon. Cover by John Byrne.

Captain Atom #3—Everyone is curious about Captain Atom's origin, but he's willing to lie in order to keep it a secret. Lying isn't nice ... but a punishment of certain death is a high price to pay for a lousy fib! Story by Cary Bates, with art and cover by Pat Broderick and Bob Smith.

Detective Comics #574—The Boy Wonder has been diagnosed as critical and the Batman blames himself, and that leads to questions about his own motives! And whether the outcome is life or death, could his doubts herald the end of his crimefighting career? Next month, a special four-part series, ***Batman: Year Two***, begins here, brought to you by the same team behind this month's tale, writer Michael W. Barr, penciller Alan Davis, and inker Paul Neary. Cover by Davis and Neary.

Action #588—Continued from ***Hawkman #10!*** Superman joins forces with fellow crimefighters from the stars as the Winged Warriors, Hawkman and Hawkwoman, come to the Man of Steel for assistance in the last battle of the Shadow War! Story and art layout by John Byrne, with finished art by Dick Giordano. Cover by Byrne.

MASK #4—It's the mission the MASK team never even dreamed they would have to undertake, and now dread its outcome! Matt Trakker has turned outlaw, and it's up to MASK to mobilize in order to track down their renegade leader! Written by Michael Fleisher, pencilled by Curt Swan, and inked by Kurt Schaffenberger. The cover is by Swan and Murphy Anderson.

The Question #4—Hub City is riddled with corruption, from the office of the mayor down to the cop on the beat, and it looks like Vic Sage is the only man able to expose this evil to the public! So it shouldn't come as any surprise when the city explodes and the mysterious Question is trapped in the middle! Written by Dennis O'Neil, pencilled by Denys Cowan, and inked by Rick Magyar. Cover by Cowan and Bill Sienkiewicz. *Deluxe format.*

The Spectre #2—The menace of the Cult of the Blood Red Moon strikes again, and this time the Spectre might not be ready for them! And the Ghostly Guardian's alter ego, Jim Corrigan, lands his first case as a private detective. Written by Doug Moench, pencilled by Gene Colan, and inked by Steve Mitchell. The cover is by Michael Kaluta.

Suicide Squad #1—A Legends Spin-off series! This is the story you've been waiting for ever since their dynamic debut in the pages of Legends! The most amazing super-team of the year begins its own action-packed series pitting the Suicide Squad against the terrorist Jihad, Qurac's own super-team. The cost of failure? A war that could send the world spinning towards the brink of oblivion! Written by John Ostrander, with art by Luke McDonnell and Karl Kesel. Howard Chaykin provides the cover.

Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #347—As if it's not enough to have to deal with the power of the Restorer, the Legionnaires are also forced to unravel a mysterious plot taking place in their beleaguered midst. Written by Paul Levitz, pencilled by Greg LaRocque, with inks by Mike DeCarlo. *Originally presented in* ***Legion of Super-Heroes #22.***

Teen Titans Spotlight #10—It's not a typical battle, nor the traditional battleground as Aqualad's mind becomes the scene for a deadly showdown between the aquatic Titan and the mental might of the insane Mento. But even if he survives, Aqualad might never be the same again...! Story by John Ostrander, pencils by Erik Larsen, and inks by Romeo Tanghal.

WHEN HEROES AND VILLAINS MIX UNEASILY, YOU GET...

SUICIDE SQUAD

Sometimes the world gets itself into a jam.

Sometimes the only way to get it out of that trouble is to send in somebody who has nothing to lose and have them do whatever it takes to clear things up. It's an effective technique ... but it's also tough to find that somebody willing to risk it all on the long odds of survival!

...*Except* when the one asking is the U.S. government, and their objective is the creation of the ***SUICIDE SQUAD!***

They came together during the dark days of ***LEGENDS,*** a team of heroes and villains gathered by Amanda Waller and Colonel Rick Flag when the world desperately needed them to defeat the menace of Brimstone. But they won't be receiving the adulation of those they've saved, because the world can never know they exist!

In fact, if you were to ask the officials who created the ***SUICIDE SQUAD,*** they would deny its existence ... and nobody is about to ask its members, ***Deadshot, Captain Boomerang, Enchantress, Bronze Tiger, Mindboggler, Plastique, Nightshade,*** and ***Nemesis,*** because they wouldn't like the answer! These aren't exactly *willing* participants in the battle against evil and terror, and their headquarters in an abandoned Louisiana prison is a fitting symbol of their fate if they step out of line.

Provided, of course, they *survive.*

Fresh from his success as co-writer of the ***LEGENDS*** saga, writer/creator John Ostrander starts off the ***SUICIDE SQUAD*** with a mission that pits the team against the Jihad, the super-powered team from the war-torn Mideastern nation of Qurac. On the art are Luke McDonnell, late of the ***JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA,*** with ***SUPERMAN'S*** own Karl Kesel on the inks. Howard Chaykin helps us celebrate ***SUICIDE SQUAD #1*** with his usual incredible cover art!

And to make certain that you're cued in on the history of DC's newest super-team, you'll also want to pick up this month's ***SECRET ORIGINS #14,*** which features the booklength, 38-page origin of the ***SUICIDE SQUAD,*** written by Ostrander, pencilled by McDonnell, and inked by Dave Hunt!

The ***SUICIDE SQUAD.***

They put their lives on the line for our country!

SANDKINGS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Take one of the best science fiction stories from the last couple of decades, mix well with such talents as Doug Moench, Pat Broderick, and Neal McPheeters, and add the superior quality of DC's graphic novel format, and what do you get?

If you guessed the seventh in our Science Fiction Graphic Novel series, George R.R. Martin's ***SANDKINGS,*** winner of *both* the Hugo and Nebula Awards for best science fiction novelette, you're absolutely right!

SANDKINGS is the story of Simon Kress, a man who goes in search of a pet that is somewhat exotic and alien ... a unique life form, perhaps as dark and quirky as himself ... something he can lord over and amuse with at his legendary parties. What he finds in a strange shop at the end of seedy Rainbow Boulevard in the mega-city of Asgard is somewhat more than he bargained for. Something called the *sandkings,* creatures that put all of Simon Kress' previous "pets" to shame ... creatures that give new meaning to the phrase, "biting the hand that feeds them"!

ELECTRIC WARRIOR creator Doug Moench provides the adaptation of Martin's novelette, with pencils by ***CAPTAIN ATOM*** artist Pat Broderick, and painted finishes by Neal McPheeters, who gave us the earlier SF Graphic Novel, ***THE MERCHANTS OF VENUS.***

There's a reason why George R.R. Martin's ***SANDKINGS*** won both the "Oscar" *and* "Emmy" of the science fiction field. You'll find out why when you read DC's Graphic Novel #7 ... ***SANDKINGS!***

Also News...

This is it! The breathtaking conclusion to the most talked-about mini-series of the year, Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli's ***Batman: Year One,*** appearing in the pages of ***BATMAN #407!*** The boy who was Bruce Wayne has grown into the man the world knows as ***The Batman,*** and he's vowed to make the streets of Gotham safe for its citizens. The underworld hates and fears him. The police are at odds with his unorthodox methods ... *especially* James Gordon! Whether he and the Darknight Detective become allies in the war against crime or bitter, lifelong foes will shape the way ***The Batman*** fulfills his life's mission!

But ***The Batman*** story doesn't end there! We don't want to ruin the excitement of its debut by telling you too much about it, but we thought it only fair that you be ready for ***Batman: Year Two,*** the *new* four-part mini-series-within-a-series starting in ***DETECTIVE COMICS #575!*** It's the stunning follow-up to the ***BATMAN*** saga, chronicling the Caped Crusader's early years, courtesy of writer Mike W. Barr, penciller Alan Davis, and inker Paul Neary. It's quite a story ... but you'll just have to wait until next month to get in on it!

And for those lacking a little magic in their lives, we have an answer for you ... ***the Zatanna Special #1.*** It's a 64-page, no ads, one-shot extravaganza, starring ***Zatanna,*** the second generation of a magical family ... but it's the *first* generation that gives her problems. The hidden city of the Homo Magi—home to a race of magicians, *including* ***Zatanna's*** mother—is in trouble, and only ***Zatanna*** can save it. Or die trying! The story is by Gerry Conway, with art by Gray Morrow.

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